S.No.	States	Storage capacity created by CWC	Storage Capacity created by FCI
9.	Karnataka	0.86	0.73
10.	Kerala	0.33	0.40
11.	Madhya Pradesh	0.75	0.15
12.	Maharashtra	0.68	0.15
13.	Meghalaya	—	0.04
14.	Nagaland	—	0.10
15.	Orissa	0.30	0.25
16.	Punjab	1.65	0.48
17.	Rajasthan	0.67	—
18.	Tamil Nadu	0.61	0.10
19.	Tripura	—	0.05
20.	Uttar Pradesh	1.79	0.45
21.	West Bengal	0.77	—
	TOTAL:	13.06	3.96

Poor quality of foodgrains for PDS

927. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any complaint received recently regarding allocation of poor quality of foodgrains, under various schemes of PDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Complaints regarding issue of inferior quality of foodgrains under PDS were received from some States. Governments of Rajasthan, Delhi, Gujarat and Maharashtra have complained about issue of poor quality of "lustre lost" wheat under PDS and Governments of Karnataka and Kerala had complained about the issue of poor quality of rice under various schemes.

(c) Government has stopped the issue of lustre lost wheat for distribution under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) w.e.f. 6.8.2002. Only good quality foodgrains conforming to Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) norms are issued to the States and Union Territories for distribution under TPDS and Other Welfare Schemes.

The following steps have been taken by the Government to ensure that only good quality foodgrains are distributed:

(i) Ample opportunities are provided to the officials of the State Government/UT Administrations to inspect the stocks prior to lifting from the Food Corporation of India (FCI) godowns.

(ii) Instructions have been issued to all the State Governments/UT Administrations that an officer not below the rank of Inspector should be deputed to check the quality of foodgrains before lifting from the FCI godowns.

(iii) The samples of foodgrains are to be jointly drawn and sealed by the officers of the State Governments/UT Administrations and the FCI from the stocks for display at the counters of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) for the benefit of consumers.

(iv) The officers of the State Governments' and the Ministry pay surprise checks of the FPSs, to over see the quality of foodgrains being distributed through TPDS.

(v) The officers of the Department designated as 'Area officers' for monitoring the TPDS work in the respective States also undertake visits to the storage depots and the FPSs, during their visit to the States to check the quality of foodgrains being issued.

BPL families

928. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of BPL families and the percentage thereof all over the country;

(b) the number of times the rates of ration materials have been increased since 1st January, 2001;